



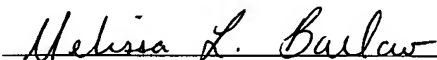
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In response to the Restriction Requirement dated June 3, 2003, Applicants hereby request entry of the following election.

ELECTION

Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I, which includes claims 1, 18, 27, 37, 42, and 49. Group 1 is drawn to a polypeptide. Applicants hereby elect SEQ ID NO:3 as a species, with traverse. Applicants expressly reserve the right to file one or more applications on the subject matter of the nonelected claims and species.

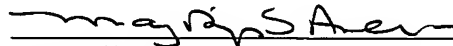
REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants have elected to prosecute the claims of Group I. Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's requirement that Applicants elect a specifically named single species from among SEQ ID NO:1-4, 11-13, 33-35, and 46-53.

Applicants respectfully request examination of each of the polypeptide sequences set forth as SEQ ID NOs:1-4. Applicants assert that SEQ ID NOs 1-4 are regions of a single ,

protein, with SEQ ID NO:1-3 overlapping regions and SEQ ID NO:4 an adjacent region of the same protein. Applicants submit that the search and examination of these sequences would not present an undue burden for the Examiner. Applicants request examination of each of the polypeptide sequences set forth as SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:2, SEQ ID NO:3, and SEQ ID NO:4. If the Examiner will not allow examination of the four aforementioned sequences, Applicants respectfully request that SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:2, and SEQ ID NO:3, be examined, as they are overlapping sequences of the same protein. In the event that the Examiner will not allow examination of the full group of four sequences as described above, or the group of SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:2, and SEQ ID NO:3, Applicants elect examination of SEQ ID NO:3.

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